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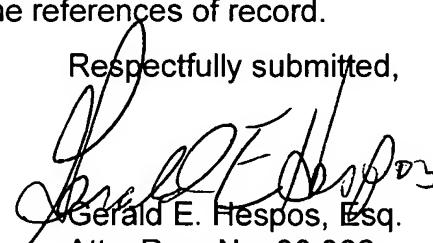
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The above-identified U.S. application corresponds to European Appl. No. 03 027 421.1. A Search Report issued in connection with the European application on February 17, 2004 and a copy of the Search Report is attached. The Examiner will note that the European Searcher identified four documents that were considered to be relevant. Each of the documents was identified as a Category A reference, and hence was considered to relate merely to the technological background of the invention. None of the references was considered to be particularly relevant when considered alone or when combined with another reference. The four references cited in the European Search Report have been listed on the attached copy of Form PTO-1449. Copies of the British and French references also are attached. The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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